

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Amended) A method for performing a USSD transfer for transmitting data between two parties, namely a mobile station and a cellular communications network, wherein the USSD transfer takes place on a fast channel if the mobile station is involved in a call, and otherwise on a slow channel;

the method comprising:

determining the amount of data to be transmitted in the USSD transfer; and

if the amount of data to be transmitted in the USSD transfer is likely to exceed a predetermined threshold, and if the mobile station is not involved in a call, directing the mobile station to call mode for performing the USSD transfer on the fast channel.

2. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising directing the mobile station into call mode by initiating a call attempt.

3. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the party that initiates the USSD transfer also initiates the call attempt.

4. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the network, when initiating the USSD transfer, sends the mobile station an indication that the mobile station must initiate the call attempt.

5. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the mobile station, when initiating the call attempt, calls a non-existent number or itself.

6. (Previously Amended) A mobile station comprising:  
means for performing a USSD transfer between itself and a cellular communications network, wherein the USSD transfer takes place on a fast channel if the mobile station is involved in a call, and otherwise on a slow channel; and

a first logic for determining the amount of data to be transmitted in the USSD transfer; and

a second logic initiating a call attempt for switching the USSD transfer to the fast channel if the amount of data to be transmitted in the USSD transfer is likely to exceed a predetermined threshold and if the mobile station is not involved in a call.

7. (Previously Amended) An arrangement for a cellular communications network, adapted for setting up USSD transfer for transmitting data between itself and a mobile station, wherein the USSD transfer takes place on a fast channel if the mobile station is involved in a call, and otherwise on a slow channel;

the arrangement comprising:

a first logic for determining the amount of data to be transmitted; and

Bi a second logic for initiating a call attempt for switching the USSD transfer to the fast channel if the amount of data to be transmitted in the USSD transfer is likely to exceed a predetermined threshold and if the mobile station is not involved in a call.

8. (Previously Amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second logic is adapted to initiate a call attempt by sending to the mobile station an indication that the mobile station must initiate the call attempt.

9. (New) A mobile station according to claim 6, wherein the mobile station is adapted to call a non-existent number or itself when initiating the call attempt.

10. (New) A mobile station according to claim 6, wherein the mobile station is adapted to initiate the call attempt before initiating the USSD transfer.

11. (New) A mobile station according to claim 6, wherein the mobile station is adapted to initiate the call attempt after initiating the USSD transfer.